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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Fuerstenberg

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 January 1952, a total of about 60 officers and men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering or leaving the restricted area on the south shore of Roeblin Lake, Fuerstenberg (N 51°46' 62"). They included 1 colonel with tank insignia, 2 MVD majors and 3 captains. 50X1-HUM
Vehicles identified at the restricted area

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2. On 3 January, only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and coveralls were seen in the restricted area west of the railroad station. They loaded boxes and sacks on trucks. Eight trucks of old types were seen in the restricted area. Vehicles entering or leaving the area

3. On 9 January, about 200 troops with red-bordered black epaulets were seen falling in in the outer installation of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp. They subsequently broke ranks, with groups of about 40 men each going to several low wooden barracks buildings. More troops were seen in the other low wooden barracks. Some soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed walking out of the gate. Two radio cars were parked in the billeting area. 50X1-HUM
Vehicles passing through the gate of the installation

4. On 9 January, the inner installation of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp was occupied by about 400 troops most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets. A few wore black-bordered red epaulets. Some boxes apparently containing rifle ammunition, were noticed in front of the low wooden barracks buildings there. 50X1-HUM
Vehicles identified in the installation

5. Officers and men with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets as well as uniformed women were seen entering or leaving the castle of Fuerstenberg on 8 January. Sedan was identified at the castle. 50X1-HUM

6. On 5 January, the restricted area in the center of Fuerstenberg was occupied by about eight officers and from 30 to 35 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. The restricted area contained four antenna masts and was separated from the nearby residential quarters by a high board fence. Sedan was seen leaving the area. * 50X1-HUM

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7. On 10 January, the SS Kaserne at Droege, 4 km south of Fuerstenberg, was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several groups of soldiers received small arms drill in the barracks yard. Some of the doors of the garages stood open, and the garages seemed to be filled to capacity.

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* Comment. The restricted area in the center of Fuerstenberg is possibly a residential area of villas which is bounded by Wallstrasse, Schwedtseestrasse and Baalenseestrasse and which contains a signal communication center operated by components of the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM

The four antenna masts mentioned in the present report and the presence of troops with black-bordered black epaulets confirm the signal center. 50X1-HUM

** Comment. The information on the other military installations in Fuerstenberg generally agree with a report of mid-December 1951. 50X1-HUM

However it is significant that no vehicle of the 34th Gds Mtz Rille Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div should have been observed in the SS Kaserne, Droege, where the regiment has been carried to date. The vehicles mentioned in paragraph 7 of the present report belong to army headquarters troops, including engineer troops, and the rocket launcher battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div which is quartered in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, Neuruppin. The materiel of the rocket launcher battalion is stored on Schottenhamplatz.

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